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drum and perpendicular to the longitudinal axis and having a plurality of openings therein sized for allowing powdered breading to pass therethrough and for preventing lumps of coagulated breading from passing therethrough, said conveyor screen positioned for 5 receiving excess breading from said breading apparatus and for carrying lumps for collection; and

 c) a recirculation conveyor positioned at least partially below said lump removal conveyor screen for receiving powdered breading and for recirculating said powdered <sup>10</sup> breading to said breading apparatus; 8

d) and recirculation conveyor including a horizontal portion extending beneath the conveyor screen and a substantially vertical portion extending from the horizontal portion to the inlet end of the drum.

2. The lump removal system of claim 1 wherein the horizontal portion of the recirculation conveyor comprises

an auger.

3. The lump removal system of claim 1 wherein the substantially vertical portions of the recirculation conveyor comprises an auger.

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